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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next were mostly trending unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate with best interest for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light and selective, instances better where weekend needs increased. Tenders and small size wings were adequate and moving satisfactorily. The remaining items were at least adequate with dark meat in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 27-FEB-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	52.00-55.00	46.00-69.50	54.29	28
New York	55.00-58.00			
Los Angeles	76.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	67.00-70.00	52.00-75.00	68.43	95

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
949	65.44-69.75	68.92
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	137.50	1,177
BREASTS - B/S	112.00	5,320
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.00	1,234
THIGH MEAT - B/S	89.50	1,029
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	7,336
WINGS	101.50	2,787

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary delivered majority prices were unchanged from Monday's final for next week into the Chicago area. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to weak, mostly barely steady. Offerings continued heavy on limited trade interest. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate, best call into fast food outlets. Floor stocks were adequate to plentiful; weights desirable to occasionally heavy. Parts trade was on an as needed basis and very light. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on regular sized wings and barely steady to weak on remaining parts.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was generally steady at best. Demand entering the weekend was slow to fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade requirements. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair at best. Wings were available, and breast items were sufficient to fully adequate. Dark meat was in the longest balance with supplies at least adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majorities were at unchanged levels; when compared with last weeks' prices. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Limited early trading reported, for next weeks' delivery, with regular commitments at generally unchanged prices and new negotiations at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings remained adequate to ample for immediate needs. Buying activity was fair. Retail demand was fair to fairly good, best to cover promotions. Dealers anticipated an overall moderate weekend carryover. Trade sentiments were mixed on parts, with dark meat in the weakest position.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was slow and selective entering the week-end. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to available for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair, best where retail feature activity was noted. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Leg cuts were readily available and slow to clear. Wings were fully sufficient.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow and disappointing. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample for current and next week delivery. Live supplies were moderate; weights were irregular but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. However, trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, supplies were fully adequate to ample and were generally more readily available on the leg items.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	47-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	02/20/06-02/24/06
	02/21/05-02/25/05
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	02/20/06-02/24/06
	02/21/05-02/25/05
	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEB 24

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD	POUNDS			WTD AVG	WEEKLY		
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	725	88.00-155.00	90-95	100.27	725	90.00-155.00	95-100	100.55	2,685	99.98	
TENDERLOINS	183	85.00-145.00	90-95	92.51	228	85.00-145.00	90-95	92.11	939	93.87	
BREAST - LINE RUN	126	54.00-60.00	55-58	56.29	TOO FEW TO REPORT				404	56.85	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				148	62.24	
LEGS	180	20.00-42.00	21-23	21.22	141	20.00-42.00	22-23	22.51	733	23.19	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	556	15.00-22.00	16-17	15.90	820	15.00-22.00	16-17	17.66	2,548	16.48	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,260	16.00-25.00	18-19	20.60	1,050	17.00-25.00	18-19	19.11	4,250	19.49	
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				295	95.00-105.00	96-98	98.39	985	97.29	
WINGS (CUT)	295	112.00-121.00	115-118	117.29	300	112.00-121.00	115-119	117.53	1,090	117.69	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				227	25.39	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				152	28.33	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				337	81.21	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR FEB 23, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR FEB 24, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE**

38.50 - 43.00

39.34

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE**

38.50 - 43.50

40.58

5-DAY AVERAGE

39.31

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly under normal weekend business but was still noted as light and selective. Offerings of breast items were least adequate to available. Tenderloins continued to clear satisfactorily. Most dark meat cuts were fully adequate to readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to no better than fair, best where feature activity was noted. The market tone was barely steady to weak for boneless skinless thigh meat and most dark meat cuts. Tenders were steady to at least steady. The balance of items were steady at best.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

FEB 23

FEB 24

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	FEB 24 WEEKLY VOL/LBS
	TRADING*					TRADING*						
BREAST - B/S	115			103.45	885,220	115			106.45	586,840	105.91	3,061,580
TENDERLOINS	90-95			92.97	186,100	90-95			83.38	133,200	91.46	577,837
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58			62.44	140,920	57-58			65.41	82,200	65.11	440,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	57			58.22	81,000	57			57.84	111,320	58.92	445,320
LEGS	33-34			34.61	247,640	33-34			29.43	263,600	32.50	1,024,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20			21.10	275,160	19-20			20.21	266,680	22.40	1,262,552
DRUMSTICKS	23-24			30.86	73,000	23-24			33.52	108,480	32.90	361,470
THIGHS	26-27			35.23	45,920	26-27			34.96	44,760	36.36	206,330
B/S THIGHS	88-89			97.60	60,880	86-87			84.84	62,320	91.67	330,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99			98.01	199,440	98-99			103.75	188,200	99.88	905,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12			12.40	40,920	10-12			11.23	14,040	11.64	109,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40			38.66	13,080	35-40			38.82	10,240	38.64	46,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50			49.25	14,360	45-50			49.79	23,840	49.43	74,960

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	<u>ESTIMATED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG WT</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>AVG WTS</u>
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)	
	02/24	02/23	02/22	02/21	02/22	02/21	02/17	02/15
Alabama	3,899	4,036	3,865	3,884	5.37	5.37	4,051	5.41
Arkansas	5,312	5,283	4,991	4,995	5.18	5.24	4,768	5.13
Delmarva	2,156	2,256	2,304	2,559	5.69	5.72	2,568	5.73
KY-LA-TN	2,209	2,285	2,116	2,171	4.87	4.85	2,559	5.10
Mississippi	3,422	2,877	2,827	2,763	5.86	5.89	3,285	5.90
North Carolina	2,810	2,649	2,519	2,520	6.89	6.69	2,745	6.64
Texas	2,511	2,462	2,527	2,506	5.31	5.28	2,475	5.25
Total	22,319	21,848	21,149	21,139	5.55	5.54	22,451	5.53
Mon-Fri	108,329(A)				108,119 (A)			
Saturday	1,169 (included in total for date shown)750							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Feb-06 and 25-Feb-06 is estimated to be 33,392,000 head down 0.88 percent from a week ago and up 3.37 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,690,000, last year 32,303,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 25-Feb-06 is estimated to be 159,049,000 head down 2.06 percent from a week ago, and up 1.68 percent from a year ago. (Last week 162,394,000, last year 156,421,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	95-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-106
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS WHOLE	-
CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-105
	DRY PACK	114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	109-109
DUCKS		185-190

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 11-Feb-06 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	29,284	17,278	60,670
Avg Weight	3.81	4.75	6.37
% of total /1	27%	16%	57%

Comparisons

Last week	26,372	19,025	55,126
Avg Weight	3.79	4.73	6.49
% of total /1	26%	19%	55%

Same week, yr ago /2	24,705	22,136	46,515
Avg Weight	3.65	4.80	6.40
% of total /1	26%	24%	50%

To date/2006	160,965	101,574	325,988
To date/2005	150,770	125,445	282,717

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 18-FEB-2005 YOUNG CHICKENS LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS DUCKS

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	162,394	1,029	1,294	2,323	522
Avg Wt	5.38	3.74	7.93	6.07	5.99
Last week	164,473	1,269	1,349	2,618	519
Same wk yr ago	156,653	1,277	1,161	2,438	462
Avg Wt	5.16	3.23	7.79	5.40	6.71
To-date/2006	1,124,957	9,388	9,593	18,981	3,459
To-date/2005	1,094,548	9,757	8,674	18,431	3,501

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.3 million head, or 0.3 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
January 14	169.3	160.4	106%	5.35
21	156.4	162.4	96%	5.4
28	164.9	164.5	100%	5.35
February 4	165.3	165.4	100%	5.45
11	166.5	164.0	102%	5.41
18	164.3	164.0	100%	5.38
Year to date	1138.5	1137.2	100%	
February 25		163.9		
March 4		163.4		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	02/25/06	02/18/06	% CHG	02/26/05	% CHG
Broilers	159,049	162,394*	-2.06	156,421*	+1.68
Cattle	568	239	+05	571*	-01
Hogs	1,947	1,978	-02	1,970*	-01

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 20-FEB-2006

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	151-155	157-161
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	132-142	133-143
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	48.00-60.00	58.00-60.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	64.00-86.00	71.00-75.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to at times good. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Weights were desirable. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 20-FEB-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 02-21-06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.10
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.05
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.30 - .35
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.55
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.75 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .60
Guinea Fowl	1.40 - 1.50
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 4.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 2.00ea.
Leghorn Roosters	2.25 - 2.50ea.
Silkie	4.00 - 5.00ea.
Pigeons	5.00 - 5.10ea.
White Pigeons	5.00 - 5.25ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.45 - 2.49
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	2.40 - 2.42
Bunnies	4.00 - 6.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.50 - 5.25ea.
Goats	75.00 - 80.00ea.
Kid Goats	45.00 - 55.00ea.
Chukars	6.00 - 7.00ea.

Total Coops Sold 357

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Demand was light to no better than fair for light canners; fair to instances moderate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings ranged adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
19-28 MAJORITY 24-25	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-30 MAJORITY 26-26.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to instances good, best into rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate for current needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-11	8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Disposal costs were too few to report. Demand was slow for at least adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Removal prices ranged unchanged to higher. Demand was fairly good while offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10	.5-8

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-FEB-06

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week was noted as normal. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

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